

IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Minutes of January 02, 2003 Iowa Emergency Management Division Conference Room Level A - Hoover Building Des Moines, Iowa

Members present:

Chris Scase
Dave Miller*
Elizabeth Christiansen*
Pat Paustian
Anne Jackson*
Sue Lagneaux*
Mahala Cox
Julie Bell
Frank Magsamen

Staff Present:

Kathy Lee - DNR
John Tac - DNR
Paul Sadler - EMD
Brenda Boell - EMD

Guests Present:

Bob Goldhammer - Polk County

Members Absent

Tom Sever*
Don Flater
Jim Kinkle*
Deb Madison
*denotes voting member

Approval of Minutes:

November 7, 2002
Moved approval of the minutes with corrections by Elizabeth Christiansen, second by David Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

Chris Scase noted that a letter had been sent to the Chair of Region 6 Planning District, Brad Storm, congratulating the new committee on being recognized as a planning district by the IERC.

Committee Updates: Membership / Reports

Chris Scase said she wants to update the committee list to include new members appointed to the IERC.

Executive - Did not meet.

Information Education - Did not meet.

LEPC Support - Did not meet.

Fee Legislation Study Committee - And ad hoc committee made up of Kathy Lee, Mahala Cox, David Miller and Chris Scase. Lee reported that she reviewed past proposals and pulled out the best of each. The proposal was reviewed by the committee and critiqued. Fees would be returned to originating counties with a small amount returned to IERC to support the Tier 2 reporting system. An appropriate fee needs to be determined. There will not be a proposal taken to the legislature this session. Goal for having proposed legislation ready is October 1, 2003. Committee will meet again the February 6th.

LEPC Activity- Regional Planning Districts

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning District - no activity.

Region 7 LEPC Conference

Chris Scase handed out a pamphlet on the conference for information. August 22-24, Doubletree Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska.

Agency Reports

Section 301 – Emergency Management Division

LEPC membership – Paul Sadler reported no appointments or resignations had been submitted. He reported that there are at least two LEPC members in each district.

Section 303 – Emergency Management Division

Paul Sadler distributed maps that show the status of the EPCRA plans in Iowa. It indicated that 7 counties have no plan on file, 13 have submitted incomplete plans, 16 are in need of annual review and 63 meet state standards. Each county is required by Emergency Management to have a current Hazardous Materials Plan in their Emergency Operations Plan. Also, completed plans are required in order to receive Department of Justice grant money and Supplemental Grant money.

Section 305 – Emergency Management Division

EPA grant money was used to train five "mentors" in the new version of the Cameo suite on December 4-5. Jerry Norfolk from EPA was the instructor. EMD is required to do quarterly reports. Counties will be informed of a trained mentor close to them so they may take advantage of this assistance.

Section 302 & 312 – Division of Labor

Anne Jackson said the Tier 2 booklet is ready to go. She said that "on-line interactive tier two reports" will be available on the Workforce Development website. The 14 page booklet will include the new form, instructions/tables, form for confidential reporting, list of LEPC contacts for Iowa.

John Tac, attorney with DNR briefed the group on the legal action in Plymouth County between a tanker truck company and the Sioux City Hazmat Team for the recovery of costs as a result of an accident resulting in an accidental release.

Section 304 & 313 – Dept. of Natural Resources

Kathy Lee reported that about 1006 releases reported to the Department that includes EPCRA and Non- EPCRA releases. There has been no change in Form R reports received.

EPA/FEMA Reports

Due the timing of the meeting immediately after the New Years Holiday, it was logistically impossible for EPA and FEMA were not able to attend the meeting. Paul Sadler reported that EPA will be direct mailing to LEPCs diskettes of the "NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards and Other Databases." He said that Tina Lowery of EPA's Chemical Risk Information Branch will be EPA's State Coordinator for Iowa. A Stakeholders meeting will be February 20th, 9:00 to 11:00 am, at the EMD Conference Room for state agencies to discuss everyone's roles, responsibilities and any issues that need to be addressed. A four state meeting will be held later, probably in Kansas City.

Sadler said that FEMA's LEPC Member Pilot Courses was an on-line course that was available only for a short time. It is now in the process of being refined. FEMA will let us know when it is ready.